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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM

: George L. Cary Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT

: Status of CIA Contact With GAO for Their Review of CIA Budget Expenditures

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Daniel Inouye asked Mr. Knoche during his 23 June 1976 confirmation hearings to initiate discussions with GAO on a renewed audit of CIA. After this request, A gency officials met internally to determine the best way to proceed. One of the first decisions made was that negotiations concerning guidelines for a renewed GAO audit should be conducted directly with the Senate Select Committee, rather than with GAO. A position paper (attached), reflecting an initial negotiating position was prepared and received the DDCI's approval. It was largely based on a task force study of this question completed in December 1975. Bill Miller, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence agreed to direct Committee-Agency discussions and further agreed to personally meet with Mr. Waller and myself on this matter. The initiative for the meeting was clearly left with Mr. Miller and despite two or three reminders that Mr. Waller and I were ready to meet with him, Miller has never attempted to set up the meeting. Hence, no discussions with the Committee have taken place.

SIGNED Cary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Executive Assistant to DCI-Designate

Admiral Turner would like to know whether the CIA has gotten together with GAO to come up with the suggested guidelines for GAO review of budget expenditures by the CIA.

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